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TO-DAY'S REPUBLIC

# OTIS MAY SEND ARMY TO CHINA.

## Tremendous Activity in Washington Indicates Such a Move Is Near.

All Chinese Employes in the Philippines Ordered Discharged-Russian Intrigues Said to Endanger Whites.

he Xew Orleans are cruasing off the Japan coast near Nagasahil within a two days China, Mr. Conger, to the State Depart the scene than they would be no Manifa shows the in portent character of the move and the public screation of the nuce of

The Phocklyh and as many small gut boats us We ad can amore predictly are more a serie was to the scene of viscence. Many twars ago the Tien-Teln district furnished me of the good atroctous mass sarres of white missionaries in the bistory of the Christian church. Repetition of these mightful torburities is feared.

The State Department to-day reserved forther reports from Minister Conger Indicating that the reign of agurchy is about to

tremendeds as with throughout the State, War and Navy appariment-

secretary Hay had a long conference with Servicey Long. While this was in progon Assistant Secretary Holl consulted with At ting Secretary Meliceliohn of the War. Civily Shroat Officer General Greekey, and are talked for a half hour. frence you Holleben, and neked one to the State Department at to be the the man Embassy made it neceseary to arrange for an appointment for the genteren haer in the day.

Neither officially nor unofficially would a would be said for any of the officials enmed lif these significant consultations, There is good reason to believe, however, man Amabassac r to learn what help could be expected in the disaffected district; that might continue for months, and might might continue for months, and might continue for months. an expert opinion as to the capacity of the Signal Corps in the Philippines to open, on from the Chinese court bite the

### To Discharge Chinese.

of Chicamen attached to the army as servnts, burder bearers, litter bearers and to rious camp following capa liles.

This order seems to have a direct beat ing upon the landing of American troops in China: The necessity of not having binames in an army destined to protect white persons from the violence of Chinese

No other while nation is in a position to give the help needed at this time except is making into Siberia. the United States. France has an army in Southern China, but is presumably holds. stroy within four days' march of the tin belief, district, but apparently its aid is

The attitude of the Downeger Employee of "hing the activity of the "boxers"-the secret as its opposed to the maintenance of the open door, and which is, strangely enough, it (remelled on the southern border of the Russian sphere of influence-added te the rectiveness of Russia in all quarters or the globs, and the recent operations of France in Southern China, seem to be thest valutors

As his been stated in these disputches, the open opposition of the Empress to the continuance of the treaty ports as ruch. ere the direct result of the Russian influ-

Whatever eventuares, it is assumed, will cover a mammeth movement by Russia of international simuficance and importance. In the meantime, the lives of white mixstics are apparently in danger, and ell maritime Fowers are expected to puricipate in any movement looking to protection of lives. It is understood that American assistance through its military, if through the street of the s American assistance through its military, if by every European nation with the possible exception of Russia and France.

## How We Are Involved.

The vast importance of such intervention can be readily foreseen. It would involve the United States in the Eastern question in a way regarded as simply negrond possibility lean army in the turbulent district might by Captain Charles T. Baker, and said to second necessary for months, perhaps,

France would look with cold disfavor upon American Army in China sandwiched in between the Russian sphere of influence and

intitiot be tracked by war vessels.

Any combined force of marine that, for instance, the German, British and American | p warships might be able to land, would be insufficient to advance into the interior.

A part of the way can be traversed through the Taku River, a shallow stream. savigable by light-draft vessels only, such as the Petrel and the converted Spanish Steamer Louisville Was Icebound gunboats now in the Philippines.

It is estimated that an American army of

their after strewdiscs and coeffess. is assumed that Captain Wilde, as the banking officer, directs the movements of both vessels, and would, pending the forby Rear Admiral Kemiff, he in command of all the naval force that may be collected round the entrance to the Gulf of Pecbill,

It is the enthest be of official and dipematic Washington. I few exceptions. of the vast proparations now under way Downger Empress and the society she by mementarily act ring to from taking action

calculated to cost the lives of missionaries present mans she may have, would care to ontagonize practically all Christendom by remotely countenancing a resort to the ciolence of fanaticism to cover a military or political morement.

because of her proximity, may claim e right to settle the difficulty. She would but in reality enact a master stroke, for ence having extended her military arm she might be extremely rejuctant to withdraw

of Nieu Chwang at the head of the Gulf of Pochili and within a compartively few moles of Talenwan and Port Arthur, is uself clause from the Tich Ten district but Then See | 20 miles, and connected with the city of Tan Tsin by a milroad completed within the jast few months.

> The further suggestion is made that the Dowager Empress, playing the Russian name and hetself responsible for the turbalence of the "baxers," might, on the score of humanity, invite the Russian Army to take possession of the troublous district and guarantee the safety of foreign interests, thus giving Bussia the exact opportunity she craves, that of extending her sphere of influence in North China. The Russian occupation of this territory

Medicaljohn how many troops could be Riissa would be 300 miles forther south on ance in its official action and in the Chipmen of the Philippines for service in the Chipmen of the Chipme pared from the Philippines for service in the Chinese coast than she is now, and pursuits and occupations of the citizens. The Chinese coast than she is now, and pursuits and occupations of the citizens. inuspanch as the turbulence is in the inquarte and maintain a line of community. terior, the sphere of influence would neces. wells, and his confined to the coast

Another startling fact was the other ca. diplomatic genius, secure the compensation bled to General Otia to-lay to discharge in Northern China that she has been work. every Chinese employe from the army High ang for ever since the South African War to the Philippines. There are probably to - | began, in return for the British expansion

## WINNING SIBERIAN TRADE.

Russian Complaint That Americans Have Inside Track.

Landon, March II. - Novalieff, the wellknown Siberian, contributes to the Novoe Victorya of St. Petersburg a bitter complaint against the inroads American trade

"These things," he declares, "are not artales of luxury, but just what are most ungently needed by the local population. Coming through Vladivostok, they are coming through Vladivostok, they are just on the market in huge quantities and are sold in such a manner that we are led p. Leary, Captain, United States Navy, to second that the United States has set Governor of the Isle of Guam, do hereby and out upon an industrial and commercial

"As hitherto Siberia has been lacking to or of capital, in mile and in fron works, e enterprising Americans will have evcryching ready to their bands and in order at no distant date to become the real mas-

goods needed by Stherm. "The merchants and traders speak of pene belief is that the sudden revival of the titioning for a prohibition to be placed on American imports, but while the discussion continues the Americans will secure the markets, and it is also quite possible that on Union, where Russia is constructing a tuitroad, will fall into the hands of the Americans before the railroad is completed and before Russia is in a position to profit by the riches of China.

have undertaken to introduce culture and divilization, now actually hand over Sibe-ras to foreign capital and enterprise, and make it forever a vassal and black slave of foreigners."

## SAILED FOR HAMPTON ROADS.

New Army Transport Samuer to Be Put in Commission.

Nortolk, Va. March II.-The United that it was of strategic importance to two years ago. The presence of an Americ States Army transport Sumner, commanded finest troopship affeat, sailed from Under the circumstances, Bassia and the Navy Yard to-day at mean for Hampton Rouse where her compasses will be adjusted. The big ship became unmanageable when off the Southern Ballway pier

The use of the military in case the out-broak assumes scrous proportions is reasonable which the wherf stands. The men at work the part. The barge, with its boad of cars, was towed over on the Portsmouth flats, where it sank to the bottom. The Summer proceeded minipired save that he bow was to their above the water line by her anchor dish.

## ARRIVED SAFE IN PORT.

for Thirty-Seven Hours.



McKINLEY: "THAT BOY IS RUINING MY CLOCK."

## SLAVERY IN GUAM ISLAND ABOLISHED, TO-DAY'S REPUBLIC.

Governor Leary Set Washington's Birthday to Mark the Find of Bondage.

### HE ISSUED A PROCLAMATION.

Declared the Peonage Sect in a Menace to Popular Library and Violation of the Amer can Constitution.

Weshington, March 17. The forces in proclamation has been issued by the tore ernor of the life of thumm:

"To the Inhabitants of Guam: In Leading this decree the Lovergram, being up earnestly invokes divine blessing and gul-

"By ressloy of the ink of throw to the United States of America, all of the acif this programme went torough, Russia | oreignty were transferred to the Gayerment, and in transforming and organizate the new political power, the import near that the a lower News. speedlest route of success, prosperity and cappiness for the infinitions of the who all to be Amail City Hall Methods. s by benevolent assimilation to the foreign mental principles that constitute the basis of tree American Government.

of free American Government.

"Honest later with just compensation,"
dignified by faithful consideration of the
mutual interests and wiffers of all curcerted should fixure property to this community, whereas, the existing later-degrading system of norms because and unjust indefinite servinus or pechago permitted during the late Spanish control in this feland, is, in fact, a system of clavery and as such, is subversive of good govern ment, is an obstacle to progressive chiligs tion, a menace to popular liberty, and a visby the Constitution of the Latter States,
"Now, therefore, by virtue of the author nounce and publicly proclaim absolute pro-bibition and total abolition of human slav-ery, or peonage in the isle of Guam, on and

after the twenty-second day of February.

A. D. 1999, and all persons are hereby com-manded to comply with the requirements of this proclamation. "In witness whereof, I hereinta set my hand and have caused the scal of the time-I States Naval Station, Isle of Guam, to be

day of January, in the year of feet Lett. 1990, and of the independence of the Unit 1 States of America, the Eith. "RICHARD P. LEARLY. "United States Navy, Governor

### CONDITIONS ARE IMPROVING. Guam Prospering Under Leavy's

Administration. Life Among the Suige

Washington, March 17.-General Wheeler called at the Navy Department to-day to consult with Secretary Long and Assistant Secretary Allen, who is more directly in charge of the affairs of the islands under naval government, verse ting the report is was charged to make upon the conditions on the island of Guum and the adminis-tration of commander bears, the Governor. The report itself is not yet quite raunting but the General read extracts to behout its character. In substance, he found that the island was well favored elimethrally. United States; was repectally valuable as a unidway coaling place in the long run from Honolulu to Mania, and that the penple were well satisfied with the change in their condition. They were of a doctle, pleasing disposition, and those of the inriginal owners of the soil were of the iransport smashed the barge and the Considering the extensive reforms Cartain transport smashed the barge and the

# YOUTH AND GIRL DISAPPEAR.

Believed That They Ran Away to Be Married.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL Sedalia, Mo., March 17 - Charles Sailey, aged 18 years, son of James Builey, who recently removed from Wymore, Neb., to Smithton, and Miss Mabel Combs, aged 16

## LEADING TOPICS TO FURTHER ENRICH

For Missouri-Pair: warmer Sunday: Monday fair; nest to south winds. for Inlinois-Warmer and fair Sunday, except snow in northeast por-

For Arkansas-Generally fair and warmer sunday: Monday fair: south-

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## RIOTOUS SCENES IN DUBLIN.

Lord Mayor's Carriage Stoned-

Queen's Coming Visit. Smithon, and Miss Mabel Combs, one of Source of Real Source of Rea

# THE OIL TRUST.

Secretary Gage's Plan Throws Control of \$117,000,000 a Vear More to li-

### THE SIBLEY BILL ANALYZED.

Congressman Who Introduced II Did So Simply to Oblige the Secretary of the Treasury.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

he courses of Secretary Gaze of the e on Insular Affairs of the House becomes

An investigation made by the Demorratic fa I that the Stammerd till banks, if they go cure all the financial business between the Rice, Cuba, Hiswail and the Philippines will be able to get control of hearly \$177. 63,000 during the ensuing year, instead of \$75,000,000 as they thought the amount would be if the Sibley bill should become a

The expective to day of what the bemo-rate say is she of the most underlaw yell-iv administration has yes undertaken in partnership with the Standard Off Trucreated more talk in Congress than the original National City Bank scandal, and after an impromptu investigation, it was said that no more jobs would be comitarrived, and that this one probably would

If the bill is brought out of the comher of Republicans expressed similar views and Secretary Gage and his friends are go-ing to have an interesting time when the measure comes up, if it is reported at all. The figures given at the boad of this arthele, and showing what the trust, through ecretary Gage. is trying to grab, were compiled by the Democratic members of House Committee on Banking and Currency, and they were taken from offi-cial reports made up by officials of President Mckinley's administration, so the

cannot be either distorted or exaggerated. The figures, on the contrary, are based on the business done immediately after the Spanish war, when a state of chaos Spanish war, when a state of relighed, a fact on which the Lemi base their assertions, that this \$117,000,000 will be doubled in a few years. Long before the amount is reduced by the home coming of the troops, the amount of their

a commerce. The disclosures startled the Republican floor leaders of the House, and Chairman Cooper of the Committee on Insular Affairs, had a long conference with Secretary What took place at the conference Mr. Cooper refused to say, but from other sources it was learned that the Treasury officials admit that the New York financiers

tre behind the measure.

veral members of the Rockefeller financial freasury Is-partment were made. It was after these visits that the bill was introduced by Representative Sibley. The latter, when asked how be came to intro-

ace such a measure, said that he simply to coller the Secretary of the Treasulterfor motive that might be behind

## POPULATION OF MANILA.

Persons Occupying Houses Within Police District Number 150,000.

Washington, March I7.-The War Department has received a report from the sani-tary corps, which has been making a census of Manils, it places the population actu-Queen's Coming Visit.
Indian March U. The Lord Mayor's pro-

# PARADE THROUGH THE FREE STATE.

Gatacre's Troops Begin a March From Orange River.

AT NORVAL'S PONT. •

Pole - Carew's Column Has Arrived From Bloemfontein.

NEWS FROM NATAL.

Boers Say the Biggarsbergs Are Now Impregnable.

BY MILTON V. SNYDER.

New York Herald Company - The force ad Clements has accomplished its mission. ports were subsequently supplied and the Catalite is reported to be as far north as Springfortein. This was the chief item of war news yesterday and added to the reoftling here in honor of Rt. Patrick's Day is as evident that the resistance of Free plotely collapsed. Even to the northward the floers are showing little apparent acticity. The bridge across the Modder River

it is though; probable that within a week Lord Roberts will be able to commence the march northward to carry the British flag late Pretoria

When any military man is asked how forms be thinks it will take to suprore the Transvital Capital be will venture no opinion except that every day is bringing the Horr downfull nearer

Although the correspondents are not permitted to wire any details as to the movements of troops, it is clear enough from the hints let drop in more than the mexsage that important steps are in progress. News is expected soon that the little towns Ladybrand and Wepener, close to the Ensutoland border, have been occupied by British mounted troops, and that the whole country between them and Bloemfoutein is being closely watched by patrols. In this manner the march perthward of any erganized body of Boers well be -ne tually

It is also counted on with confidence have that the gans and equipment of the forces by, his movements have knocked the Boers respectly approved to Clements. Galacte and I out of time. Standard set banks are to massic through | Brabant will specify be captured. Apparently the men of these commences, which freneury, if the bill now before the Commit. probably consisted mostly of dislayal colonists, with a leaven of Free State Boers, are been listening to-day for word that Mafe already tired of fighting. It is, therefore, king is relieved. It is remarkable that the Steve s summens to Kroomstat will be very

yet it would not be safe to infer that noth- | Christmistide was gloomy, indeed, in commy is being done there. Nobody here would to surprised to hear that the Boers had the only fillip needed was the news of the been driven from their ilines along the Bigannaberg range and had been forced to Esgenraberg works are reported to be exis move, and could hardly be held by less than 25,000 or 15,000 men, It is generally believed that this exten-

sive position is only a bluff, and that the Boers' object is merely to try to gain time and to cause the British plyance to pause. As has been often pointed out, reconneiceance in that rugged country is very dai'l uit and dangerous. Delay of the British at this point may be of great service to the Boers, who are desperately endeavora to abscrible the remnants of their forces, in the hope that they may yet be . He to stay the British advance.

## POLE-CAREW S COLUMN.

Vanzyl, Friday, March 18-The ratiroud has been reopened from Bloemfontein to Norval's Pont. General Pole-Carew and the Grenadiers have just arrived at Norval's

### COLONISTS SURRENDERING. Burghersdorp, Cape Colony, March 17.

Colonists who have been in arms continue to surrender. Commandant Dormehel's force of Boers have sent for some one to come and accept their surrender quickly. They appear to be afraid of Commandant Olivier. who, it is understood, threatens to shoot Durinchel if he goes to Lady Grey. A number of rifles have been stacked at

Hershel, but their ownership has not been traced. At Barkly West 200 disloyal peryons have surrendered to the Justice of the Peace, and 250 more have given up their arms and ammunition at Herschel.

### Lobatsi, Bechuansland, Monday, March 17 via Lorenzo Marquez, March 17.-The railroad is open to this point, and there

MAPERING RELIEF NEAR.

is wire communication as far as Pitsant. The Boers who were at Seguant have retired to Ruskenburg. The relief of Mafeking is expected any day. OLIVIER EVACUATES. Burghersdorp, March E -Commandant Olivier evacuated his position on a hill in-

### eral Boers of his force have surrendered Doctor DeWet, a member of the Cape Parliament, and his brother, have been ar-

front of the British during the night. Sev-

GATACRE ADVANCING. B-thulle, March 16.-General Gatacre's cours have occupied Springfontein. ountry is clear of the enemy. The main

grumn is following the scouts.

### BOERS NATAL DEFENSES. Glencoe, March E, via Lorenzo Murquez, Friday, March 16.-The Boer defenses along the Biggarsberg have been completed and

SKIRMISHING IN NATAL. Ladysmith, Friday, March 16.-Lord Dundonald's cavalry patrols reconneitered the Fire State border of Basutoland to De Heers Pass, where a slight skirmish ocarred, in which two British were wounded. The Boers were also oncountered in strength of Abercorn. at Van Reenen's Pass, and Tintwa's Pass.

Kaffles arriving here report that the Boers are manifesting a vindictive spirit under

are said to render the positions impregnable,

## GENERAL WAR NEWS. Cattern's advance truops have 4

sched Springfontein, and the .

column of troops south from Bloom. • fentein, has reached Norval's Pont, •

to reported. Commandant Olivier, the only Boer . leneral who appeared to be offering . resistance along the Orange River, . has evacuated.

 It is the expectation of the British ◆ flingry experts that the Boers re- . cently operating in the Northern Capa . Colony district and along the Orange . kiver will be unable to escape with . meir artitlery.

Deportions of Free Staters and Cape Coloniets from the Boer rance .

There is little news from Natal. Lord Dandonald's grouts have found . the Boers in force in the Drakets-. Camre. The livers declare that they . · have made passage of the latter by · the British impo-

steleat, and that many kraals hitherto respected have been burned.

The German ambalances attached to the Boor forces were found near Modder Sprait. having been afundaned by the Boers, be-New York Herald Combady - The force | cause they were unable to keep page with moles General Polestarew which was sent | the retreat. They were brought into camp by Lord Roberts to join hands with Gattacre | where the wounded were cared for. Trans-

### ambulances were sout to the Boer Bres. WHY ROBERTS SICCEEDS.

London, March 17.-Spenser Wilkinson reviews the war sows for the past week for the American Press as follows:

" The great secret of war is personality." Napoleon said, In war the big thing is not men, but man,' and the sudden change in the state of the South African war is due to the presence and power of one man-Lord Roberts. "Sevent years ago I spent many weeks

with him in Irola, accompanying him as his guest on his last tour of inspection of the Indian armies. I saw for myself bow 200,000 men worshiped him. Since his return from India, there have been influences triving to keep him to the background, The disasters of the winter gave him his opportunity and now the world sees what te has made of the "When Sherman ser out to murch through

Georgia he asked tieneral Grant for an old chum, Cavalry Officer Wilson, I think, and when Wilson came he sat up half the night talking to Sherman, who, before retring, said: "Wilson, Ph tell you where Grant bests all the rest of us. He don't care a dama

for what he can't see the enemy doing, and it scares me like helt." "Roberts is like Grant. He is too big to be disturbed at anything, and he quietly does just what he means to do. According-

ALL EYES ON MAFERING. London, March 18, July a, mt.-Amidst the festivities of Sr. Patrick's Day, London has revival of this holiday, which puts St. Patrick's hereafter on equality with Primrose Imy, has been the occusion of the first real gala day since the declaration of warparison with to-iny's merrymakings, and

relief of the besieved Mateking. There is much in the situation in South break up in flight for Lang's Nek. The Africa to justify rejoicing, however, for the capid pacification of the Free State leads he people of Great Britain to believe that hey have a statesman as well as a stratexist in the here of the hour, "Bobs."

With railway communication open to the

highest, England is now ready to trust the Commander-in-Chief to complete the remainder of his rask in his own way, couff. dent of his ultimate success. So far as the Free State is concerned, although the Boers are intrenching at the

Vant River, the impression at Cape Town to-night is that the war is virtually over The Transvarl officials are said to have vacated Taungs and Vryburg, but the rebets are unwilling to enter the Transvaal, being anxious to trek homeward. No one would be much surprised if a great spread of this contagion occurred in the next formight. Lady Randolph Churchill, who started

tomeward on the hospital ship Maine vesterday, cables to the committee that she res gards it a compliment to the United States that the Maine was the first ship to leave since Ladysmith was relieved. There were twelve officers and 151 none

commissioned officers and men aboard the

## FIGHT EACH OTHER.

Transvaal and Free State Prisoners Disagree. London, March II .- A dispatch to the Ex-

hange Telegraph Company from Cape Town, daved 7 a. m., says that it has been decided to send only the Transvaalers to St. Helena, the authorities finding it difficult to prevent conflicts between the Free Staters and the Transvaalers, Colonel Schiel, who was captured in Na.

tal in the early part of the war, has a pecial sentry at his door to prevent him rom doing himself bodily violence. Captain Johnson and Third Officer Bolteg of the steamer Mashena, captured by a British craiser and subsequently released,

### from the Cheshire is missing. LADY ROBERTS DEPARTS. With Her Two Daughters She 14

were drowned in a gale last night. Fond

others were drowned and a boat's crew

Going to South Africa. London, March 17,-The departure of Lady Roberts from London for South Africa to-

day was made the occasion for a popular demonstration. Among her fellow travelers were the Duchess of Teck, who has gone to join her husband: General Sir Frederick Carrington and staff; Lady Chesham and Miss Rhodes, the latter Cecil Rhodes's sister. A large gathering of friends bade Lady Roberts farewell, including Mr. Broderick, the Paritamentary Secretary of the Poreign Office: Mr. Wyndham, the Patliamentary Secretary of the War Office; Mr. Newton. the Lord Mayor of London, and the Duke

Lady Roberts was accompanied by her

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